3. Mr. Mohamed Ayoob Sait, member for Poomangalam, proposed by Mr. C. V. Iyyu, member for Kunnamkulam, and seconded by Mr. Cheladi Rawther, member for Cheruthuruthi Muslim.

Since there are only three nominations these three Hon'ble Members are declared duly elected as members of the House Committee.

There is one member to be nominated by the President of the House which would be done later on.

## 6. Election of a member to the Maharaja's Technological Institute Advisory Committee

Only one nomination has been received and that is of Mr. K. H. Sulaiman, member for Mattancheri, proposed by Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, member for Ernakulam, and seconded by Mr. K. C. Mayankutty Methar, member for Cheranellur Muslim. Since there is only one nomination received Mr. K. H. Sulaiman is declared duly elected to be a member of the Maharaja's Technological Institute Advisory Committee.

## 7. Announcement of the Panel Chairmen

I have to announce that for this session the Panel Chairmen will be Mr. K. H. Sulaiman and Mr. Kodanat Narayanan Namburipad.

## 8. Amendment to Cochin Legislative Council Standing Orders

*Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* Under rule 58 of the Assembly rules I have the honour to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1118.

Sir, I beg leave to introduce the following amendment to the Cochin Legislative Council Standing Orders. (See the Amendment in Appendix I).

**Mr. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon** *(Vellarappilli):* I second it.

*Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* Sir, in the Standing Orders the word used to refer to this House is the word "Council" and the first section of the amending Bill seeks to substitute the word "Council" by the word "Assembly" because under the Act this House is now known as the "Legislative Assembly."

Then the second amendment is with respect to the time of the sitting of this House. Under the existing Standing Order 5(1) the House meets every day at 11-30 a. m. and normally breaks up at 5 p.m. Under this amendment the idea is to change the time of the meeting of the House so as to enable the House to assemble at 4 p. m. every day and break up at 9 p.m. It is thought, that this change in time will be more convenient for members of the House, for members of Government and for all concerned. Subsequent to the drafting of this rule it was considered more proper or more convenient to have the House to assemble at 3 p.m. and to break up at 8 p.m. on week days and on Saturdays for the House to assemble at 10 a.m. and break up at 3 p.m. Thereby the Hon'ble members of this House will be able to get a long enough week and holiday so that after breaking up at 3 p.m. on Saturday they need assemble again only on at 3 p.m. on Monday. That is an advantageous amendment and My friend Mr. K. T. Achuthan will be moving an amendment to that effect which I intend to accept. I hope that the Hon'ble Members of this House will accept this amendment with respect to the time of work of this House and thereby add to the convenience which the members are likely to enjoy thereby.

The 3rd amendment is with respect to the word "Diwan" used in the Standing Orders. It is sought to be substituted by "Government" for obvious reasons.

The 4th amendment is with respect to questions. Several members of this House had been representing that the system of starred questions may be introduced. The system of starred questions will work in the following way. At present, questions are sent by Hon'ble members. These questions may refer to long details about facts which Government have in their possession. It may also refer to important information which members would like to get from Government. All these questions are treated alike. In other Assemblies in India a difference is sought to be made. Questions which seek from Government information about

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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